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Applicant : G. STEINBICHLER et al.
Application No. : 09/975,886
Filing Date : October 12, 2001
For : APPARATUS FOR THE INJECTION MOLDING OF PLASTIC MATERIAL
Examiner : J. S. Del Sole
Art Unit : 1722

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AMENDMENT

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Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one (1) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated August 27, 2003; that is, up to and including December 27, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to

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charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 the \$110.00 official fee as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) for a large entity, as well as the fee of \$108.00 due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(c) for six additional claims beyond twenty presented here.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: